

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY

EXCISE 19

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G/PM

October 30, 1962

MEMORANDUM

TO: G - U. Alexis Johnson

FROM: G/PM - Jeffrey C. Kitchen

SUBJECT: US Posture Pending Implementation of UN Activities

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